



**TOWN OF BLUFFTON PROCLAMATION
FOR
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH
OCTOBER 2010**

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Town of Bluffton and the Greater Bluffton area are committed to restoring their first civil right -- the right to freedom from fear in our own homes; and

WHEREAS, violence against women and children continues to become more prevalent as a social problem because of the imbalance of power due to gender and age; and

WHEREAS, in our quest to impose sanctions on those who break the law by perpetrating violence, we must also meet the needs of battered women and their children who often suffer grave financial, physical and psychological losses; and

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity, due to systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic control and/or abuse; and

WHEREAS, the impact of domestic violence is wide ranging, affecting society as a whole.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lisa Sulka, Mayor of the Town of Bluffton, hereby proclaim the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and urge all citizens to observe this month by becoming aware of the tragedy of domestic violence, supporting those who are working toward its end, and participating in community efforts.

Dated this 12th day of October, 2010.

Lisa Sulka, Mayor